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KAZUNE
KAWAHARA
ARUKO
Story Art



Shojo Beat

MY Love STORY!!

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MY *love* STORY!!



STORY Thus Far...

Takeo Goda, a first-year high school student, is a hot-blooded guy who is 6'6" tall and weighs 265 pounds. Boys look up to him, but the girls he falls in love with all end up liking his handsome best friend, Makoto Sunakawa! But all that changes when Takeo saves Rinko Yamato from a groper on the train, and she becomes his girlfriend. Girls other than Yamato begin to notice Takeo's charms, but Takeo only has eyes for Yamato. And now the two have finally shared their first kiss!

On Valentine's Day, Takeo is overjoyed to receive his first-ever chocolate given out of love. Sunakawa, on the other hand, has always received chocolate from all kinds of girls—and every year he gets chocolate from a girl who never reveals her name...

Since his baby sister's birth, Takeo's senses have grown even keener. When he detects an unfamiliar presence following him and Sunakawa, he tracks down its source and finds himself face-to-face with the girl who's been anonymously giving Sunakawa chocolate for so many years...!!

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MY
Love
STORY!!



IT'S VOLUME 7!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

It feels like volume 1 was just yesterday, but we're already on volume 7! Things move so quickly... And so much has happened to Takeo and his friends!

I chewed so much gum that my tooth filling came off—or more accurately, the cap came off.

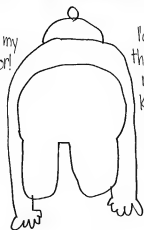
I chew tons of gum when I'm working on manga pages. I've got a pack-a-day (or more) habit! So when I'm working on manga, it makes my jaw hurt so badly that it feels like it's about to break. And yet I just can't make myself stop.

A thing my kid (who's in preschool) just told me:

That really freaked me out.

I HOPE WE'LL SEE
YOU AGAIN IN
VOLUME 8!

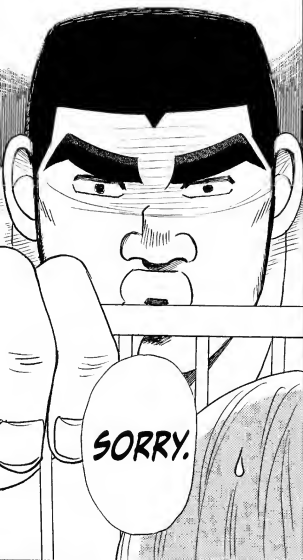
...and my editor!



I'd like to thank all my readers, Kawahara Sensei...
♡

VIRTUE IS
NEVER ALONE.
IT ALWAYS HAS
COMPANY.





MY love
STORY!!



Makoto Surakawa

I don't need anything in return
Please like me back

I
MISUNDER-
STOOD
THE
SITUATION.

AND...I
READ YOUR
LETTER.



...AND
NEVER
EVEN
SIGNED
HER
NAME.

...HAS
BEEN
WRITING
THE SAME
LETTER
TO SUNA
ALL THIS
TIME...

SORRY
FOR
RUINING
IT.



THIS
GIRL
...





MY
NAME?

WAIT!

T-TAKEO...

SHE
KNOWS
MY
NAME?

SURE.

Y-YOU
DON'T
REMEMBER
ME, DO
YOU?

WE MET IN
PRESCHOOL.
WE WERE
BOTH IN
THE CHERRY
GROUP.

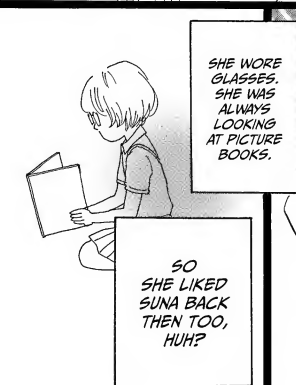
YOU
PROBABLY
DON'T
REMEM-
BER.

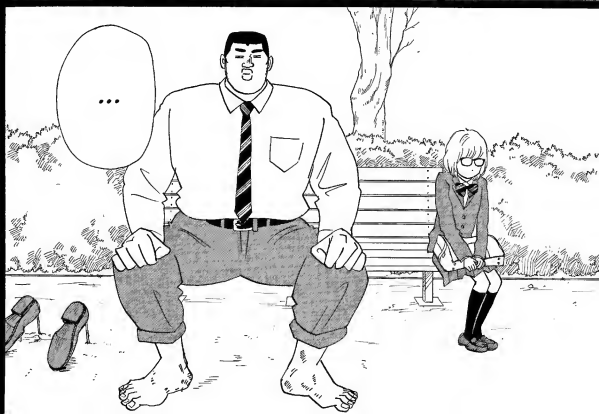
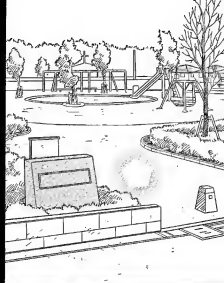
UM...

ACTUALLY,
DO YOU
HAVE A FEW
MINUTES?

COULD
YOU TELL
ME ABOUT
SUNAKAWA?

CAN...
CAN I TELL
YOU THE
SITUATION
I'M IN?





SHOULD
I OPEN
THE
CONVER-
SATION
FOR
HER?

IS SHE
HAVING
A HARD
TIME
START-
ING?

...SO WHY
ISN'T SHE
SAYING
ANYTHING?

SHE
WANTED
TO TELL
ME WHAT'S
GOING
ON...

...BUT
I'VE
GOT
TO DO
SOME-
THING!

LAY
IT ON
ME.

I'M NOT
GOOD
AT THIS
EITHER...



I
SEE.

I HAVE
AN OLDER
SISTER AND
A YOUNGER
ONE, BUT NO
BROTHERS,
SO BOYS
MAKE ME
NERVOUS.

I'M NOT
USED TO
TALKING
TO GUYS.

SORRY
FOR
MAKING
YOU FEEL
AWKWARD.



NO,
I...

SORRY.



I
DEFINITELY
DID THAT.

THEY'D
BRING
BUGS TO
CLASS...

I
MIGHT'VE
DONE
THAT.

I BET
THE REST
OF HER
FAMILY'S
LIKE THAT
TOO.

SHE
SURE
SEEMS
SHY.



THEIR
SOCKS
WOULD BE
CRUSTED
WITH MUD...

THAT
WAS
ME.

THAT
WAS ME
TOO.

FIRST
THING
IN THE
MORNING,
THEY'D
ALREADY
BE
MUDDY.
THEY
TRACKED
SAND ALL
OVER THE
PLACE.



IT'S
BEEN THE
SAME SINCE
PRESCHOOL.

THE GIRLS
WOULD BE
PLAYING HOUSE,
AND THE BOYS
WOULD TURN
THE SANDBOX
INTO A DISAS-
TER AREA.

SOME-
THING
...

"SOME-
THING
ABOUT
HIM,"
HUH?

THERE
WAS JUST
SOMETHING
ABOUT HIM...

...
ABOUT
HIM...

BUT...

... SUNAKAWA
WAS
DIFFERENT.

OH...

UM...
THINGS LIKE
THE GHOST
CHEF AND
MY STRAW-
BERRY
PATCH...

HE USED TO
READ LOTS
OF PICTURE
BOOKS.

IT'S
OKAY.
TRY TO
RELAX.

SORRY.
IT'S HARD
FOR ME
TO TALK
TO BOYS.

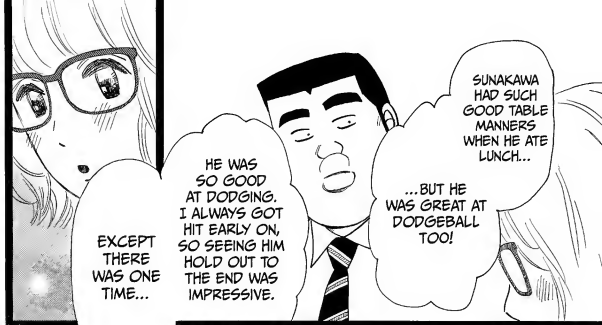
YOU DON'T
NEED TO
BE SO
NERVOUS,
YUKIKA.

SHE'S
VERY
POLITE.

I WANTED TO
KNOW WHAT
SORTS OF
BOOKS HE
LIKED...

WHAT
KIND
WERE
THEY?

... SO I
ALWAYS
READ THE
SAME
ONES.



EXCEPT
THERE
WAS ONE
TIME...

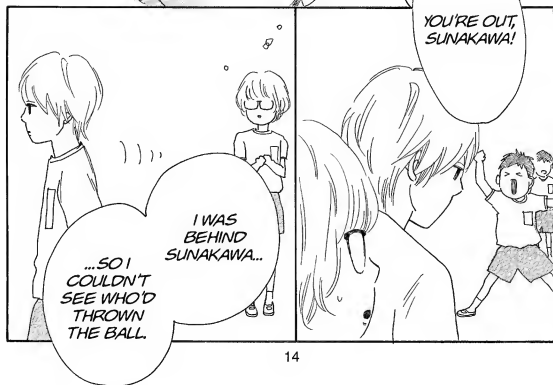
HE WAS
SO GOOD
AT DODGING.
I ALWAYS GOT
HIT EARLY ON,
SO SEEING HIM
HOLD OUT TO
THE END WAS
IMPRESSIVE.

...BUT HE
WAS GREAT AT
DODGEBALL
TOO!

SUNAKAWA
HAD SUCH
GOOD TABLE
MANNERS
WHEN HE ATE
LUNCH...

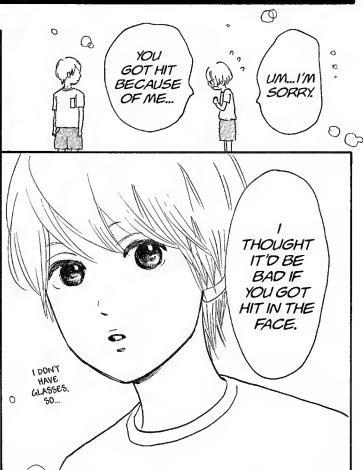
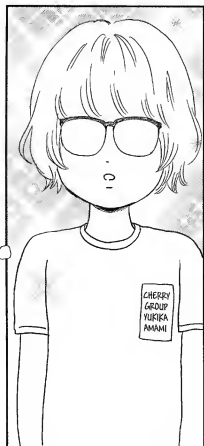


YOU'RE OUT,
SUNAKAWA!



...SO I
COULDN'T
SEE WHO'D
THROWN
THE BALL.

I WAS
BEHIND
SUNAKAWA...





YOU
HAVEN'T
TALKED
TO HIM AT
ALL SINCE
THEN?!

I THINK THAT
WAS THE
LAST TIME I
EVER SPOKE
TO HIM.

I'M
NOT
SUR-
PRISED.

I HAD
A HUGE
CRUSH
ON HIM!

AT LEAST,
I CAN SEE
WHY.

WHAT'VE
YOU BEEN
DOING
FOR THE
PAST TEN
YEARS?!

TEN
YEARS
?!

I'M A HIGH
SCHOOL
FRESHMAN,
SO THAT WAS
TEN YEARS
AGO.

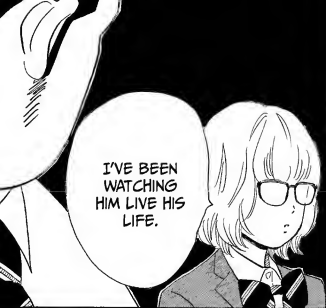
PRE-
SCHOOL
?!

PRE-
SCHOOL
...

NOT SINCE
GRADE
SCHOOL?!



JUST...
WATCHING
HIM.



I'VE BEEN
WATCHING
HIM LIVE HIS
LIFE.

...OR
EVEN
WHEN
THERE
ISN'T AN
EVENT.

LIKE AT
ATHLETIC
MEETS AND
STUFF...



BUT YOU
COULDN'T
TALK TO
HIM EVEN
ONCE?

SHE'S A
FORTUNE-
TELLER?



HIS ASTROLOGICAL
SIGN, BLOOD
TYPE ANALYSIS,
GENETHIALOLOGY,
ONOMANCY...

THAT, AND
I'VE BEEN
GATHERING
ANY
INFORMATION
I CAN FIND
ON HIM FOR
FORTUNE-
TELLING.



TALKING
TO ANY
BOY IS
HARD
FOR
ME!

AND THE
BOY I
LOVE...?
NO WAY!

BUT EVER
SINCE
PRESCHOOL,
I'VE FELT
RELIEVED...

...EVERY TIME
HE TURNED
ANOTHER
GIRL DOWN.

I'M NOT
BRAVE
ENOUGH
TO TALK
TO HIM...

...NEVER
MIND TELL
HIM HOW
I FEEL.

SO...
WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING
TO DO?

ABSOLUTELY
NOTHING.

I WANTED
TO LET
HIM KNOW
SOMEHOW...

I
REALLY,
REALLY
LOVE
HIM.

I'M TOO
SCARED
TO SAY
SO, BUT
I LOVE
HIM.

...BUT...
I ALSO
DIDN'T
WANT HIM
TO KNOW.

WHICH
IS IT?

IF I CAN'T
HAVE HIM, I
DON'T WANT
HIM GOING
OUT WITH
ANYONE
EVER...

IS SHE
CURSING
HIM?!



OH...

SINCE I'M NOT
BRAVE ENOUGH
TO TALK TO HIM,
I'VE JUST STAYED
NEAR HIM—
BUT NOT TOO
CLOSE.

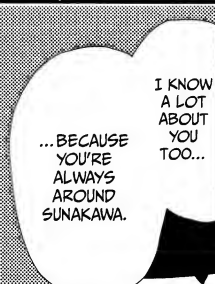
FOR TEN
YEARS?
THAT'S
AMAZING.



...BUT
I WAS
NEVER
BRAVE
ENOUGH
TO SIGN
MY NAME.

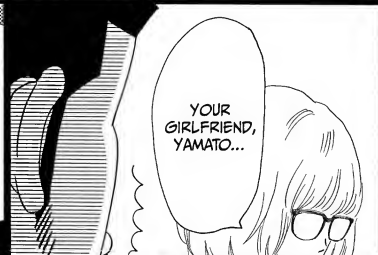
EVERY
VALENTINE'S
DAY I
THOUGHT
ABOUT
TELLING
HIM...

...



...BECAUSE
YOU'RE
ALWAYS
AROUND
SUNAKAWA.

I KNOW
A LOT
ABOUT
YOU
TOO...



YOUR
GIRLFRIEND,
YAMATO...



I
SEE.

WHY'S SHE
MENTIONING
YAMATO?



...SEEMS
REALLY
GREAT.

HUH?
Y-YEAH!



WHEN I SEE
YOU TWO, I
CAN'T HELP
THINKING HOW
WONDERFUL
IT MUST BE TO
HAVE SOMEONE
LOVE YOU
BACK.

YOU AND
YAMATO
LOOK SO
HAPPY
TOGETHER.



...



I WOUND
UP CARRYING
IT AROUND
FOR THE
WHOLE MONTH
BECAUSE I
COULDN'T MAKE
MYSELF GO
FOR IT.

I DIDN'T SIGN
MY VALENTINE'S
LETTER THIS
YEAR EITHER,
BUT I DID THINK
ABOUT GIVING
IT TO HIM IN
PERSON.



SUNAKAWA'S
ALWAYS SO
COOL AND
CALM.

HE
DOESN'T
DO
ANYTHING
WEIRD...

SO IT
WAS HER
I FELT
WATCHING
US ALL
THIS
TIME?



AND HE DOES
ALL SORTS
OF SILLY
STUFF ON
IMPULSE.

ACTUALLY,
HE'S PRETTY
NORMAL.

LIKE
TRYING
TO TEACH
BABIES
ENGLISH.





THEN WE
COULD'VE
TAKEN THE
BUS TO
PRESCHOOL
TOGETHER
AND GONE
TO SCHOOL
TOGETHER...

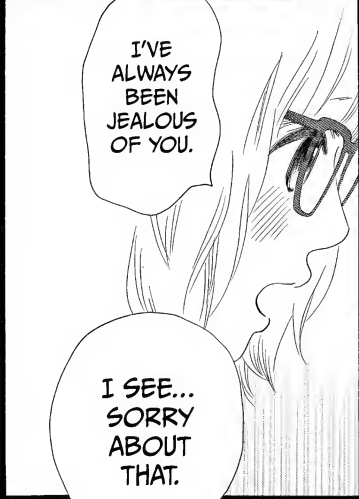
I WISH I
COULD'VE
BEEN HIS
NEIGHBOR...

IT'S
NOT
FAIR,
TAKEO.



YOU'RE
RIGHT.

HE SMILES
SO OFTEN
WHEN HE'S
WITH YOU.



I'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN
JEALOUS
OF YOU.

I SEE...
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

AND WE
COULD'VE
TAKEN BATHS
TOGETHER...

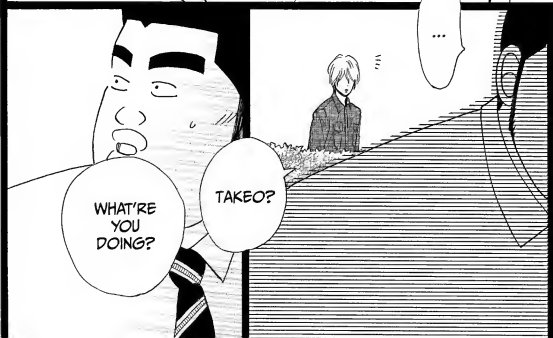
UH...WE
DON'T DO
THAT ANY-
MORE.

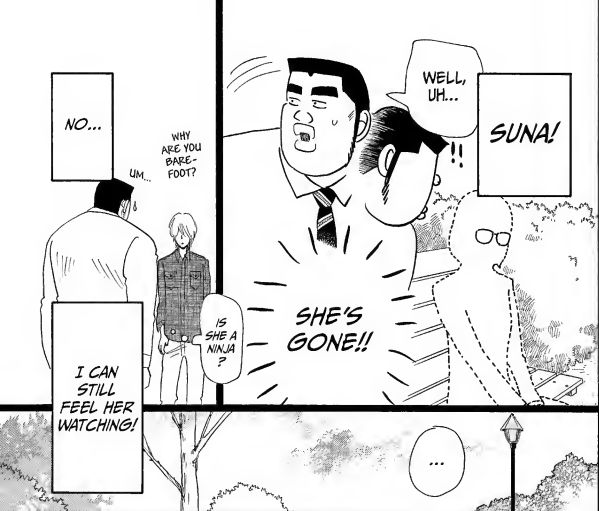
AND WE
COULD'VE
TAKEN
PHOTOS IN
THE BATH...

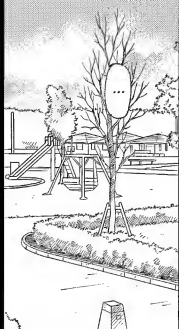
WE'D
NEVER
DO
THAT!

THAT'S
JUST
WEIRD.









"IT'S NOT THAT
I HAD A MENTAL
IMAGE OF A
PERFECT GUY
AND SUNAKAWA
HAPPENED TO
FIT THAT..."



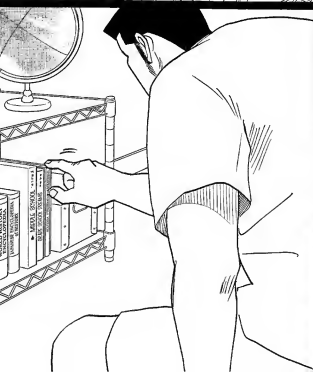
"YOU'RE
COVERED
IN MUD!
ARE YOU
FIVE?!"

"SORRY."

BA M



"IT'S THAT
MY IDEA
OF THE
PERFECT
GUY
CHANGED
TO FIT
HIM!"





THE SCHOOL GRADUATE

DREAM



SHE'S IN
A TON OF
THE SAME
PHOTOS
AS US.



Yukika Amami



HEY,
SUNA?

I THINK
EVERY-
BODY...





THEY SPEND
THEIR WHOLE
LIVES
PRETENDING
IT'S NOT
THERE.

... FEELS
REALLY
PASSIONATE
ABOUT
SOMETHING...

... BUT THEY
KEEP IT
TUCKED OUT
OF SIGHT.



THEY'RE STILL
ALL OVER
YOUR FACE,
BELIEVE ME.

BUT THERE
ARE A FEW
THINGS I'VE
NEVER SAID
OUT LOUD
AT ALL!

HUH?!
REALLY
?!

EVERYONE
CAN SEE
WHAT
YOU'RE
THINKING.

BUT NOT
**EVERY-
ONE**
DOES
THAT.

I
HAD
NO
IDEA!

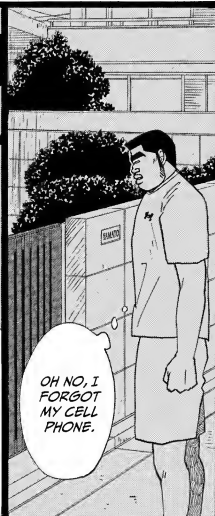
THEY
ARE
?!

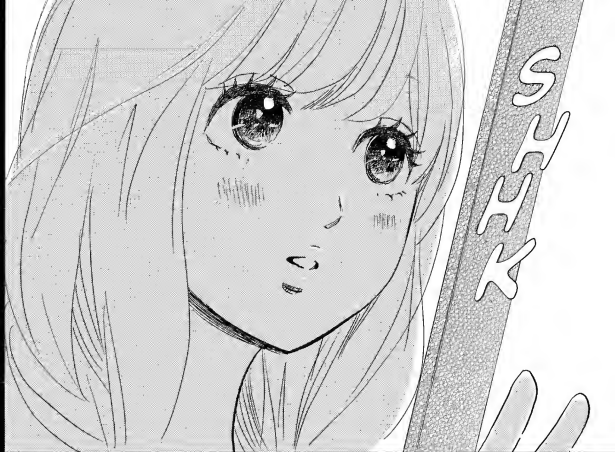


...

YEAH.









WELL...

NOTHING'S
WRONG.

I
JUST...

I JUST
WANTED
TO LOOK
AT YOU.

...WANTED
TO SEE
YOU ALL
OF A
SUDDEN.



WHAT IS IT?

OH...

I HAD TO DO SOMETHING HERE.



JUST WISHING THE THING YOU HAD TO DO WAS COME SEE ME.



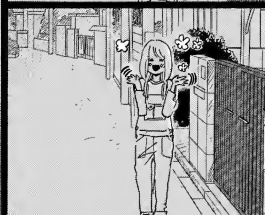
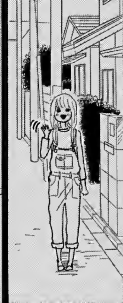
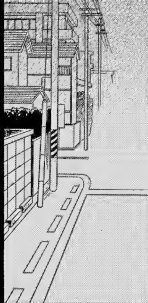


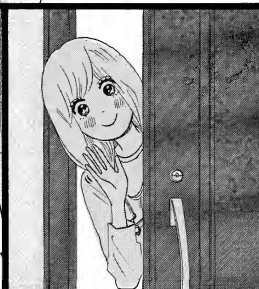
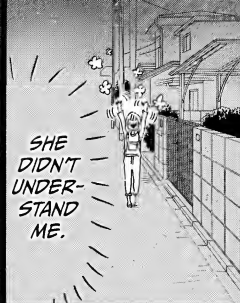
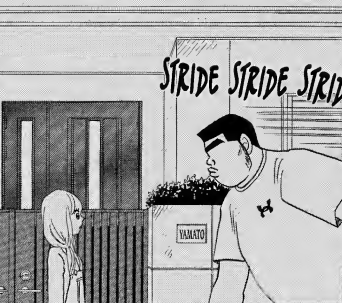
I REALLY
WANTED TO
SEE YOU.



THAT
WAS IT,
YEAH.



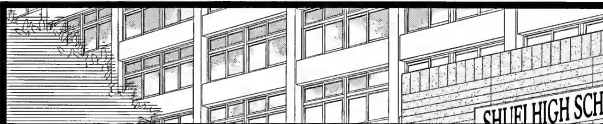




IS SHE
GOING TO
KEEP QUIET
ABOUT HER
FEELINGS?

SHE
HAS
NICE
HAND-
WRITING.

I
WONDER
WHAT
YUKIKA
WILL DO
ABOUT
HER
LETTER?



UM...

I LEFT
A NOTE
IN YOUR
DESK.

HUH
?! 

SO SHE
DOES
GO TO
OUR
SCHOOL.

I NEVER
NOTICED.

CHATTER

CHATTER

TAKEO...



I-I'M
THINKING
OF
TALKING TO
SUNAKAWA.



I'LL
READ IT
RIGHT
NOW.

I
CAN
SEE
THAT.

SORRY,
I DIDN'T
NOTICE!

NO!
IT'S OKAY!
YOU DON'T
NEED TO
ANYMORE!



PRETEND YOU
GOT LOST
AND THAT I
HELPED YOU
FIND YOUR
WAY.

O-
OKAY
...

THAT
SOUNDS...
COMPLI-
CATED.

I'LL SAY
HELLO TO
HIM AND
LEAVE.
THAT'S
ALL I
NEED TO
DO.



YOU
ARE?



I'M
HOPING
YOU'LL
HELP ME.

SURE!

I THOUGHT
OF A WAY TO
START TALKING
WITH HIM
NATURALLY. DO
YOU WANT ME
TO TELL YOU?

YEAH.

IS THIS
EVENING
GOOD?

OKAY,
GOT IT.

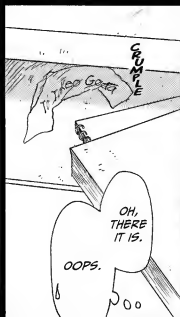
YES!
THANK
YOU FOR
HELPING.

SHE
CAN'T
TELL
HIM,
HUH?



WE'VE NEVER
HAD EVEN THAT
MUCH OF AN
INTERACTION...

I'M NOT
BRAVE
ENOUGH TO
TELL HIM I
LOVE HIM,
BUT I WANT
HIM TO *SEE*
ME, JUST
ONCE.



CRUMPLE

OH,
THERE
IT IS.

OOPS.



BILING

BOOONG

1-6





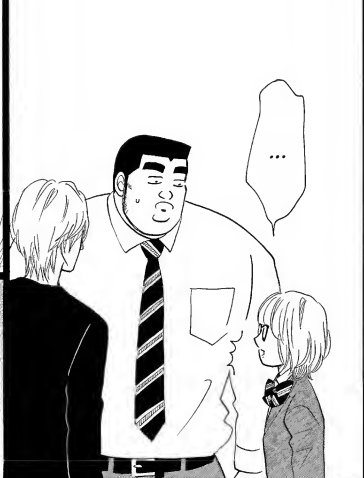
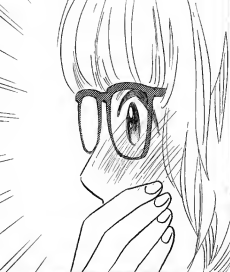




I
LOVE
YOU,
SUNA-
KAWA!

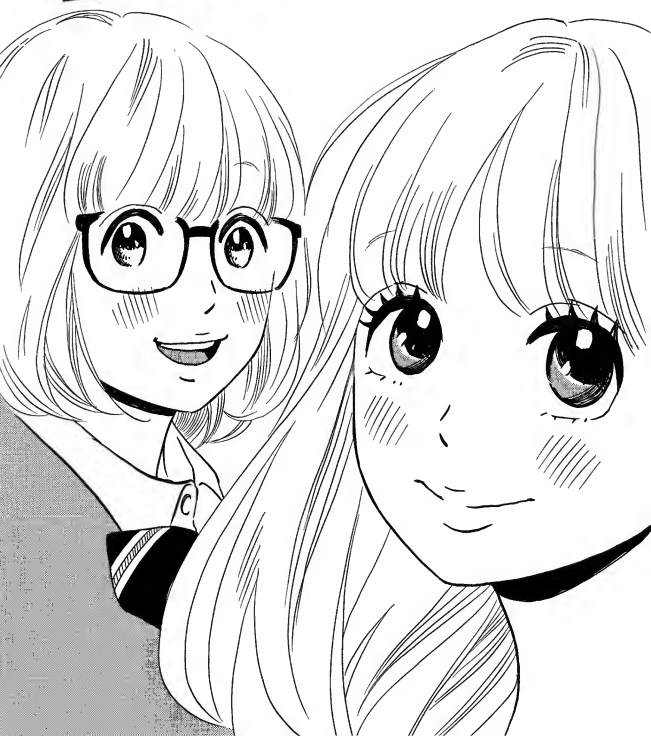
I DON'T
NEED
ANYTHING
IN RETURN.
PLEASE
LIKE ME
BACK!

?!
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MY *love* STORY!!





MY love
STORY!!



WAIT!

...BUT...

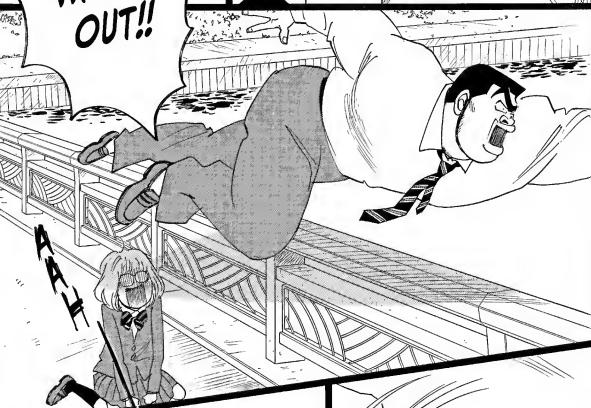
I
DON'T
MIND
THAT
YOU
DID...

I
THOUGHT
YOU
WEREN'T
BRAVE
ENOUGH
TO TELL
HIM HOW
YOU FELT!

...WHY
ARE YOU
RUNNING
AWAY?!



WATCH
OUT!!

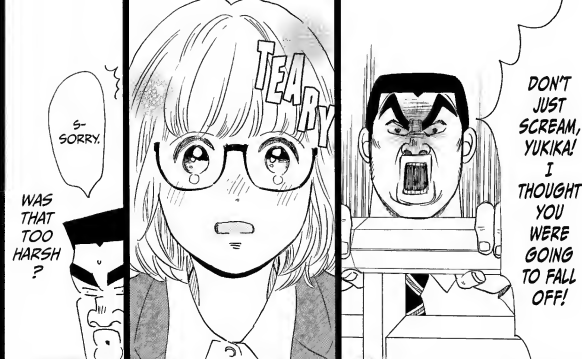


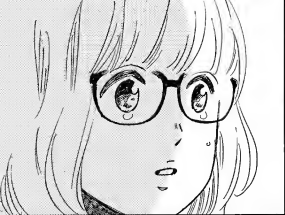
GRAB



FWIP







WELL,
IT'S DONE
NOW, SO
WORRYING
WON'T
HELP.



I
WONDER
IF I CAN
JUST
LAUGH IT
OFF...

THERE
ISN'T!

I WONDER
IF THERE'S
SOME
WAY TO
ERASE HIS
MEMORY...

YOU
CAN'T!



DON'T
YOU WANT
TO DO IT
PROPERLY?!

ARE YOU
OKAY WITH *THAT*
BEING HOW YOU
TELL HIM YOUR
FEELINGS?!

YUKIKA.



"MY IDEA
OF THE
PERFECT
GUY
CHANGED
TO FIT
HIM!"

...HOW
YOU'VE
LOVED
HIM...

YOU
WANT
SUNA TO
KNOW...

DON'T
JUST
RUN
AWAY.

DO YOU
FEEL LIKE HE
UNDERSTANDS
HOW MUCH YOU
LOVE HIM?

...AND
HOW
LONG
YOU'VE
LOVED
HIM!



IT'D BE A
SHAME FOR
HIM TO NOT
KNOW THE
WHOLE STORY,
WOULDN'T
IT?

I'M
SURE YOU
WANT TO
TELL HIM
PROPERLY.

I'LL
TRY MY
BEST...

I...I'LL
TELL HIM
EVERY-
THING.

HE'D
NEVER SAY
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT.

...TO
DO IT
RIGHT.

I'VE
BASICALLY
BEEN
STALKING
HIM FOR TEN
YEARS...
WON'T HE
THINK THAT'S
CREEPY?





AMAMI...



HE'S
STILL
HERE!



HEY.



IF YOU'D
SAID WHO
YOU WERE,
I WOULD'VE
ANSWERED
YOU.

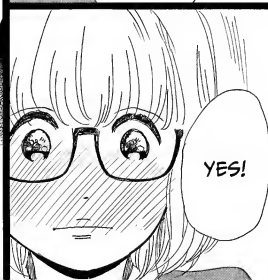


I
SEE.

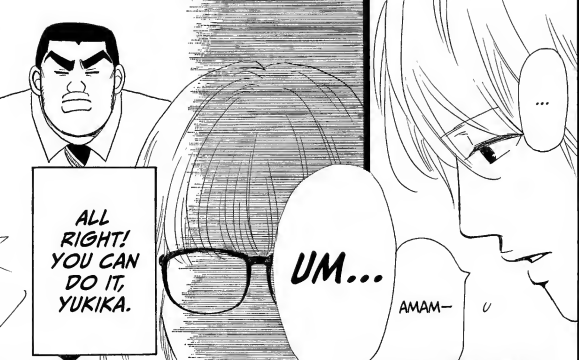


HAVE
YOU BEEN
GIVING ME
CHOCOLATES
EVERY
VALENTINE'S?

THE ONES
WITH THE
UNSIGNED
NOTES?



YES!



ALL
RIGHT!
YOU CAN
DO IT,
YUKIKA.

UM...

AMAM—



EXACTLY.

HUH?
NO, OF
COURSE
NOT.

DO YOU...
DO YOU
DISLIKE
ME?!



YUKIKA?

HUH?

BECAUSE YOU
DON'T KNOW
ENOUGH ABOUT
ME TO FEEL
ANYTHING
ONE WAY OR
ANOTHER...

...DON'T
ANSWER
ME YET!



...BEFORE
YOU
ANSWER
ME!

I WANT
YOU TO
GET TO
KNOW
ME...

I-I...

I
GET
IT.

THAT
DOES
MAKE
SENSE.

...SHE'S
GOING
OFF
SCRIPT
AGAIN!



BUT...

YUKIKA
READS
A LOT,
SO SHE'S
PROBABLY
SMART.





YEAH, THAT
SOUNDS
REASON-
ABLE.



YOU'RE
RIGHT.



HEH...

YOU
DON'T
NEED TO
BE SO
FORMAL.



I'M FREE
MOST OF
THE TIME
DURING THE
DAY.

I WON'T BE
ABLE TO
ANSWER
EVERY CALL,
THOUGH.

OKAY!

I'LL GIVE
YOU MY
CELL
NUMBER.

OKAY!
THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH!



WELL, I'LL
BE GOING
NOW.





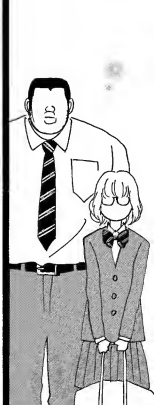
I WAS
SUR-
PRISED
TOO.

WHY DID I
SAY THAT?!
I SCARE
MYSELF!!



ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT
?

SUSUMU



IT ISN'T
OVER
YET.

YOU'RE
RIGHT!!



SHE WAS
REALLY
PERSUA-
SIVE.

GOOD
FOR
YOU.





I'M
GLAD
SUNA
DIDN'T
TURN HER
DOWN
FLAT.

IF YOU'VE
BEEN IN
LOVE FOR
OVER TEN
YEARS, I
DON'T THINK
YOU WANT
IT TO BE
OVER SO
FAST.

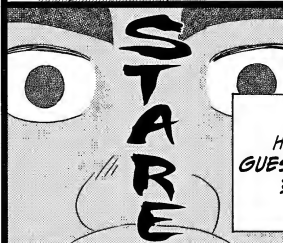


WHY
DIDN'T YOU
REJECT
YUKIKA?



WAS SHE
THAT
PERSUA-SIVE?!

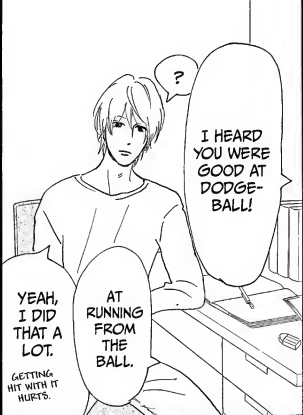






YUKIKA
TOLD
ME.

OH?



?

I HEARD
YOU WERE
GOOD AT
DODGE-
BALL!

YEAH,
I DID
THAT A
LOT.

GETTING
HIT WITH IT
HURTS.

AT
RUNNING
FROM
THE
BALL.



...

...WHAT
SUNA'S
THINKING.

PFT!

I
REMEMBER
HOW YOU
USED TO PLAY
DODGEBALL.

WHAT
IS IT
?!



I DON'T
KNOW...



HUH.

...

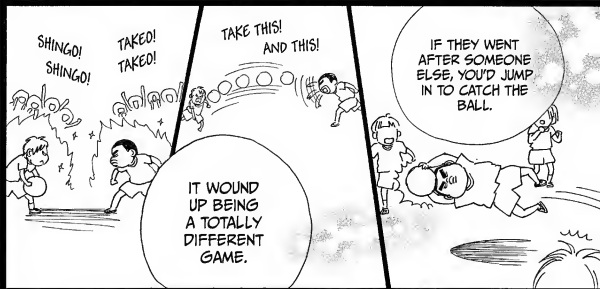


USUALLY IT
TURNED INTO
YOU TWO
HURLING THE
BALL AT EACH
OTHER.

YOU WENT
AFTER THE
STRONGEST
GUY AND NO
ONE ELSE.



I DON'T
REMEMBER
HOW I
PLAYED.



SHINGO!
SHINGO!

TAKED!
TAKED!

TAKE THIS!
AND THIS!

IT WOUND
UP BEING
A TOTALLY
DIFFERENT
GAME.

IF THEY WENT
AFTER SOMEONE
ELSE, YOU'D JUMP
IN TO CATCH THE
BALL.



OH.



YOU
TOTALLY
DID.



I DID
THAT?

...HE
DIDN'T
REALIZE
THAT SHE
FELL IN
LOVE
WITH HIM.

BUT
WHEN HE
PROTECTED
YUKIKA FROM
GETTING HIT
THAT TIME...

SUNA IS
REALLY
OBSER-
VANT.

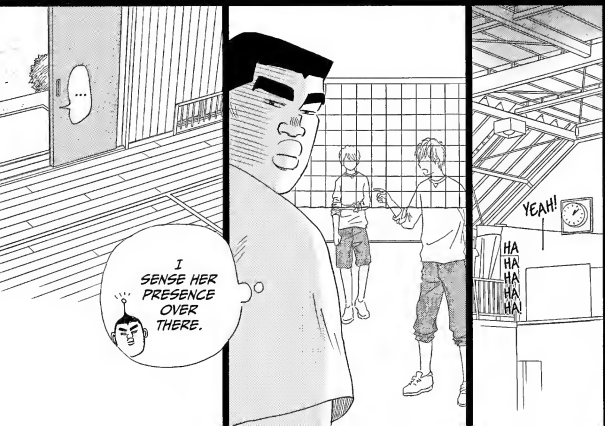


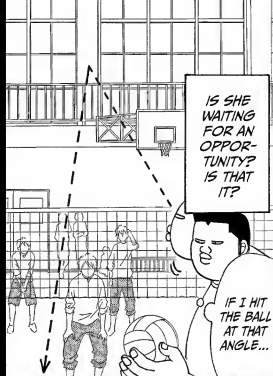
...TELL HIM
HERSELF.

YUKIKA WILL
PROBABLY...









IS SHE
WAITING
FOR AN
OPPOR-
TUNITY?
IS THAT
IT?

IF I HIT
THE BALL
AT THAT
ANGLE...



SUNA
EVEN
TOLD
HER SHE
COULD
TALK
TO HIM
WHEN-
EVER.

SHE'S
NOT
TALKING
TO HIM.

YOU'RE UP,
TAKEO.



K
A-
PO
W!

HAH!

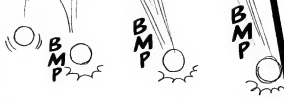
WHOA!

WHAM

...AND
SUNA
WILL GO
GET IT.

...IT'LL
ROLL
← NEAR
YUKIKA...

SHOW
HIM WHAT
YOU'RE
MADE OF,
YUKIKA!





HEY...



ALL RIGHT!

SUNA'S
GOING
FOR IT.



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!



HEY, SUNA,
DID YUKIKA
GET IN
TOUCH WITH
YOU?

NO,
WHY?



SHE'S
HERE.



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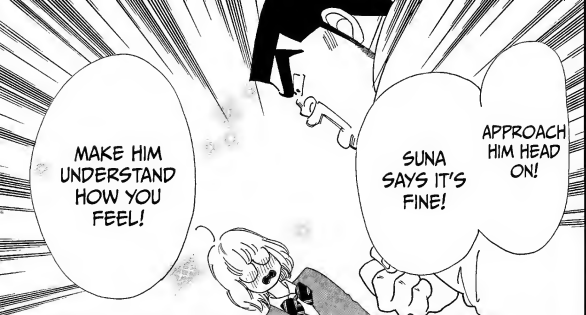


H-HOW SHOULD I HANDLE THIS?

DON'T ASK ME!

...THAT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING ELSE!

I'VE SPENT SO LONG JUST WATCHING HIM...





DO YOU
WALK
THIS
WAY?

Y-
YES.

SHALL
WE
GO?



I HOPE
YOU CAN
TELL HIM
HOW
YOU
FEEL.

IT'S NOT
OVER YET
BECAUSE
YOU
WORKED
FOR IT!

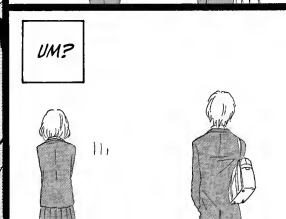
GOOD
LUCK,
YUKIKA.



THEY'RE
SO FAR
APART...



UM?





SUNA'S
WALKING
AWFULLY
SLOWLY
TODAY.



...



U-UH,
YES!

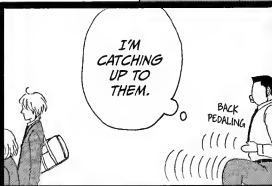
YOUR
HOUSE
IS THIS
WAY,
RIGHT?



I'LL SEE
YOU LATER
THEN.



OKAY...



I'M
CATCHING
UP TO
THEM.

BACK
PEDALING

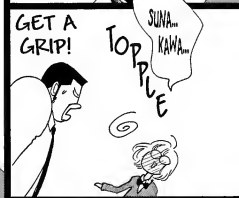


I GET
THE TRAIN
HERE.
WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

I
DON'T
...

OH, HE'S
MATCHING
HER PACE.

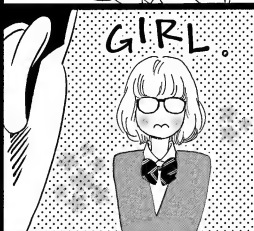
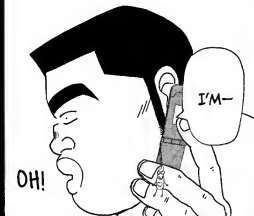


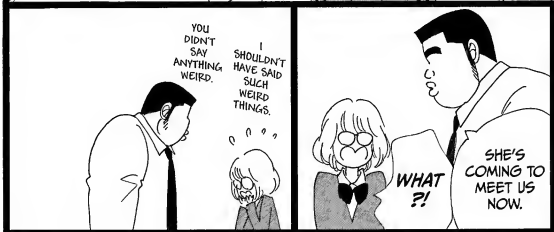
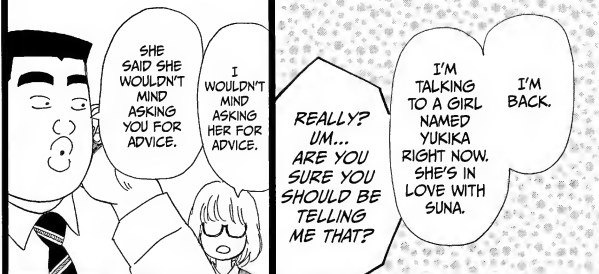


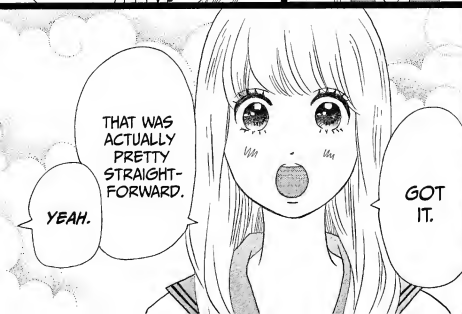
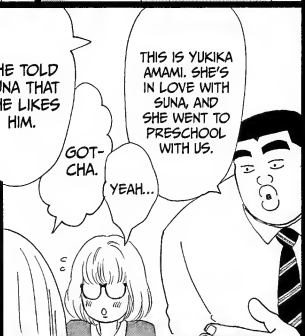
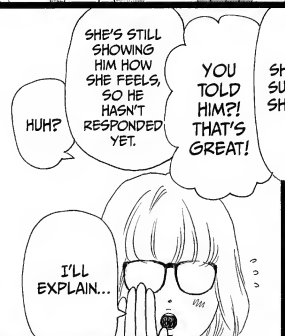


HOLD ON A SECOND, YAMATO.

OKAY.









THAT WAS COMPLETELY IMPULSIVE!

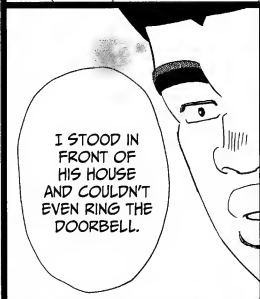
I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT.

BUT YOU WERE SO INTENSE WHEN YOU SAID YOU LOVED HIM. WHAT CHANGED?

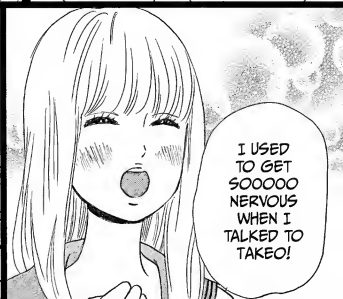
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! JUST WALKING WITH HIM MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'LL FAINT!

...BUT SHE DOESN'T SAY A WORD.

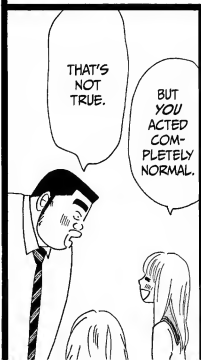
YOU'D THINK SHE'D TALK TO SUNA LIKE SHE DOES WITH US...



I STOOD IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE AND COULDN'T EVEN RING THE DOORBELL.



I USED TO GET SOOOOOO NERVOUS WHEN I TALKED TO TAKEO!



THAT'S NOT TRUE.

BUT YOU ACTED COMPLETELY NORMAL.



REALLY?

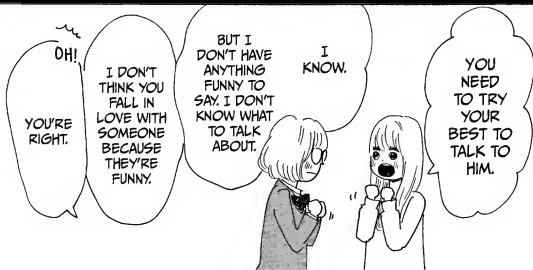
I KNEW IT!

OH...

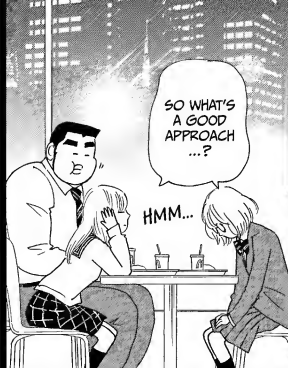
AND WHEN I CALLED HIM, I THOUGHT MY HEART WOULD EXPLODE!

THIS IS YAMATO, FROM EARLIER.

SO FOR PHO





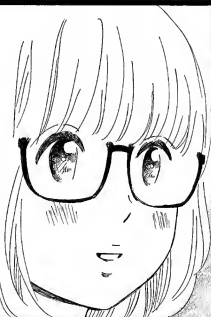


I THINK
I'D BE
MORE LIKE
MYSELF IF
YOU WERE
WITH ME.

I DON'T
MIND, BUT
DON'T YOU
WANT TO BE
ALONE WITH
HIM?

BUT
WOULD
YOU
GUYS BE
WILLING
TO COME
TOO?

UM...



SURE,
I'D LOVE
TO.

YEAH.



GOT
IT.

GREAT!
GOOD
LUCK.

I'LL TRY TO
THINK OF A
PLACE, AND
I'LL INVITE
SUNAKAWA
BY EMAIL!

I
WONDER
WHAT
HE'D
WANT
TO
DO.

HE
WOULD
HAVE
COME
UP WITH
BETTER
IDEAS.

IT FEELS
WEIRD
NOT
HAVING
SUNA
AROUND
FOR
THIS.

THANKS
FOR
EARLIER,
TAKEO.

I'M
EXCITED
FOR
HER!

YEAH.

IT MADE
ME REALIZE
HOW MUCH
I LOVE
YOU.

"...AND
I DON'T
WANT
TO DO
THAT
ANYWAY."

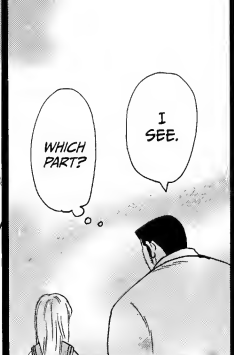
FOR
WHAT?

I HEARD
WHAT YOU
SAID ON
THE PHONE
EARLIER.

"I'M NOT
GOOD AT
MAKING
EXCUSES
OR HIDING
STUFF..."



I
LOVE
YOU
TOO.



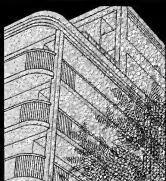
WHICH
PART?

I
SEE.



THUD THUD THUD

SLAM!



OH.

THERE
IT IS.



SUNA! DID
YOU GET
AN EMAIL
FROM
YUKIKA?

HUH?
NO.



SHE
PICKED
THE ZOO,
HUH?

SHE
MUST'VE
BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT
A PLACE
SINCE WE
SPLIT UP.

HER
WRITING
IS SO
STIFF.

From: Yukika Amami
To: Makoto Sunakawa

Subject: Hello

This is Amami.
Thank you very much
for earlier.
Would you like to go
to the zoo sometime?
Bring Goda and Yamato
with you.
Please let me know when
you don't have any plans.
I hope you will consider
my proposition.



WHAT
ARE YOU
STARING
AT?

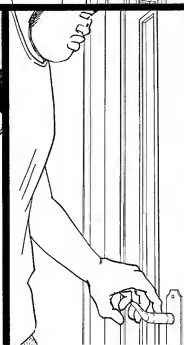


DO YOU
KNOW
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
THIS?

I'M 100
PERCENT
FINE
WITH
THAT!

Y-
YEAH!

SHE SAYS
TO BRING
YOU AND
YAMATO.
ARE YOU UP
FOR IT?





SUNA, ARE
YOU SURE
ABOUT
THIS?

ABOUT
WHAT?



"I DON'T
KNOW
WHEN IT'LL
HAPPEN,
BUT I'D
LIKE TO GO
OUT WITH
SOMEONE
I REALLY
LOVE."

YOUR
FEELINGS
ARE WHAT
MATTER
MOST.

IF YOU
DON'T
WANT TO
GO...
...YOU CAN
ALWAYS
SAY NO.

NOPE...

SO YOU
DON'T
DISLIKE
HER?!

THAT'S
AMAZING!

IT
MIGHT
BE.

I DON'T
DISLIKE HER.
I WOULDN'T
GO IF I DID.

SHUT

SURE
THING.

TELL
HER THAT
WHEN YOU
REPLY.

I CAN
GO ANY
DAY!



HE
DOESN'T
DISLIKE
YOU!

GOOD
LUCK,
YUKIKA!





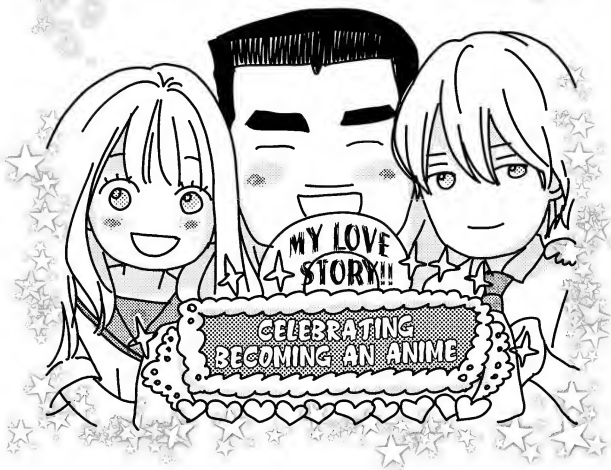
MU love
STORY"

Hello! ☺ I always have so much fun writing this story.

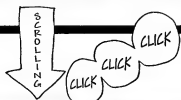
I'm sure some of you already know this, but *My Love Story!!* is being made into an anime! Not that long ago (or maybe it was a while ago...) I got to talk to the anime staff. I'm convinced they're going to do a fantastic job, so I'm really looking forward to it!

I usually go to sleep around 9 p.m., but if the anime airs later at night, I'll do my best to wake up and watch it! Or maybe I'll be too excited to sleep in the first place!

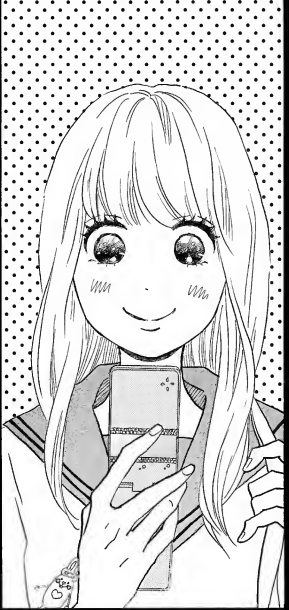
I hope you'll all watch and support the anime, and that you'll keep supporting the manga. Kawahara out!



Yamato,
Thank you very much for
the other day.
You and Takeo gave me
the courage to ask
Sunakawa out.
Thanks so much for
listening to me.



I'm shopping downtown,
but I don't know what
kind of clothes to buy.
If you're free at all,
could you help me out?



MY love
STORY!!



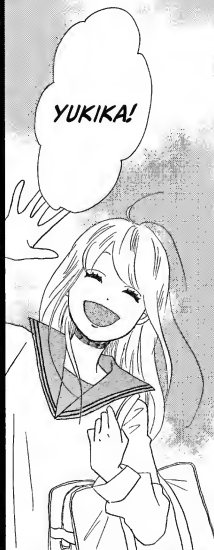
SO YOU
NEED NEW
CLOTHES?

IT'S NO
PROBLEM!
I WASN'T
DOING
ANYTHING
ANYWAY.

THANKS
FOR
COMING.

YES.

THAT'S
RIGHT.



YUKIKA!



YEAH!

YOU'VE
GOT TO
DO YOUR
BEST!

YOU'RE
GOING
OUT WITH
THE GUY
YOU LOVE,
AFTER ALL!



I JUST
HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT
TO WEAR...

HA HA!
I KNOW
HOW YOU
FEEL.

I'VE BEEN
TRYING TO PICK
AN OUTFIT FOR
DAYS NOW, BUT
THERE ARE TOO
MANY OPTIONS.
THE MORE I LOOK,
THE HARDER IT IS
TO CHOOSE.

I
UNDER-
STAND!



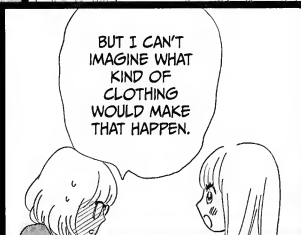
I WANT HIM
TO LIKE ME
IF THAT'S
AT ALL
POSSIBLE.



YOU
WANT TO
LOOK
CUTE,
RIGHT?



WHY
DON'T
WE ASK
TAKEO?



BUT I CAN'T
IMAGINE WHAT
KIND OF
CLOTHING
WOULD MAKE
THAT HAPPEN.



From: Yamato

What kind of clothes
does Sunakawa like to
see girls wear?



DING!





✉ Re:

School uniforms,
apparently.





WHENEVER
I WAS
FOLLOWING
SUNAKAWA,
I ALWAYS
HAD TO
RUN.

HA HA!
THEY'RE
BOTH
FAST.

YEAH,
HE'S
REALLY
FAST.

WHEN
TAKEO GETS
FOCUSED, HE
WALKS SO
FAST I CAN'T
KEEP UP.



YES.

HE
REALLY
IS.

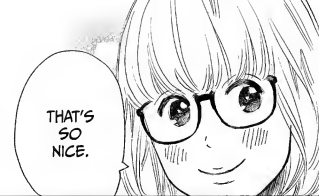


BUT WHEN
SUNAKAWA
WALKED
HOME WITH
ME...

...HE
WALKED
SLOWLY.

I THINK
HE WAS
MATCHING
MY PACE.

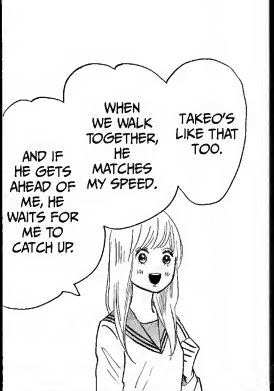
SUNAKAWA'S
THOUGHTFUL,
ISN'T HE?



THAT'S
SO
NICE.



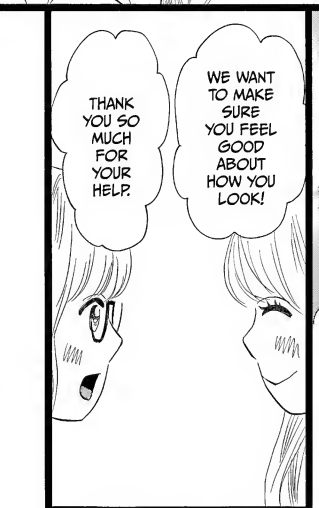
IT
IS.



AND IF
HE GETS
AHEAD OF
ME, HE
WAITS FOR
ME TO
CATCH UP.

WHEN
WE WALK
TOGETHER,
HE
MATCHES
MY SPEED.

TAKEO'S
LIKE THAT
TOO.



THANK
YOU SO
MUCH
FOR
YOUR
HELP.

WE WANT
TO MAKE
SURE
YOU FEEL
GOOD
ABOUT
HOW YOU
LOOK!



I LIKED THE
OUTFITS AT
THE FIRST
STORE WE
WENT TO.

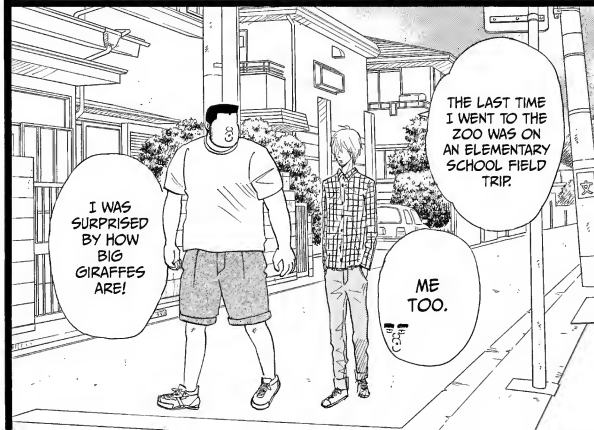
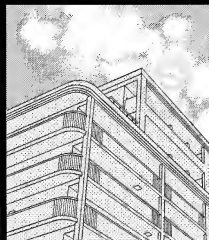
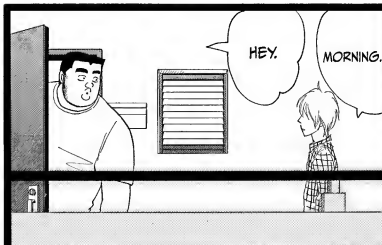
RIGHT! LET'S
FIND SOME
CLOTHES!
WHICH DID
YOU LIKE
BEST OUT OF
THE THINGS
WE LOOKED
AT?

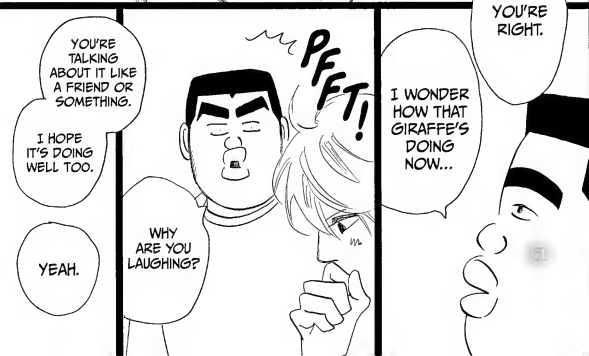
THAT'S FINE!
I'M HAVING
FUN TOO.
IF YOU
DON'T THINK
IT'S RIGHT,
WE CAN
LOOK FOR
SOMETHING
ELSE.

HUH?
WE'D
HAVE TO
BACK-
TRACK
PRETTY
FAR...

THE
FLOATY-
LOOKING
ONES?

SHOULD
WE HAVE
ANOTHER
LOOK?





I MET
UP WITH
YUKIKA AT
THE TICKET
GATE.

HEY.

YUKIKA
REALLY
DOES
LOOK
CUTE.

TAKED!

SHE'S
STIFFENING
UP JUST
LOOKING
AT SUNA
THOUGH.

CREAK CRACK

OTHER-
WISE
WHAT'S
THE
POINT
OF
ASKING
HIM
OUT?

BUT
YOU
NEED
TO SAY
SOME-
THING,
YUKIKA!

SUNA'S
SO
COOL...

...AND SHE
LOVES HIM
SO MUCH
THAT SHE
CAN'T MOVE
WHEN SHE'S
NEAR HIM.





IN GRADE SCHOOL WE CAME HERE ON A FIELD TRIP, AND SUNAKAWA AND I WERE IN THE SAME GROUP.



BUT I KNEW THE ANSWER. I WANTED TO TELL HIM THAT THEY'RE NAMED AFTER A MYTHOLOGICAL CHINESE ANIMAL...

HE ASKED WHY GIRAFFES ARE CALLED "KIRIN" IN JAPANESE...

...BUT I WAS TOO NERVOUS TO TALK TO HIM.

...BUT NO ONE KNEW WHY, SO IT DIDN'T TURN INTO A CONVERSATION.



GROWL

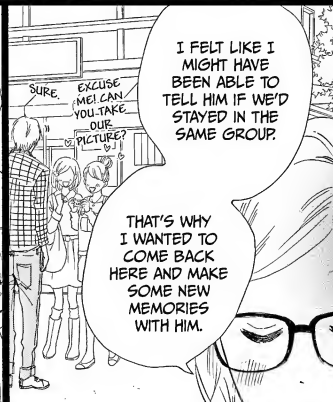
YOU SHOULD BE TELLING SUNA THIS!

NOT ME!

YOU'RE RIGHT...

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!

GOOD LUCK!



I FELT LIKE I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TELL HIM IF WE'D STAYED IN THE SAME GROUP.

THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO COME BACK HERE AND MAKE SOME NEW MEMORIES WITH HIM.



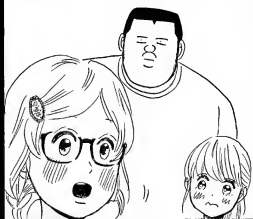
HEY!

NOTHING...

SLINK
SLINK

NOTHING
INTER-
ESTING...

WHAT'RE
YOU GUYS
TALKING
ABOUT?



THAT
BIRD'S
NEAT-
LOOKING.



**SHE
RAN
AWAY!**



**LET'S
GO!**



**THERE'S A
PETTING
ZOO.**



PETTING ZOO



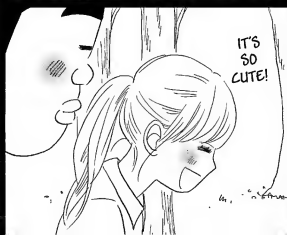
**YOU REMIND
ME A LITTLE
BIT OF
A SMALL
ANIMAL.**

**I DO?
HOW
SO?**

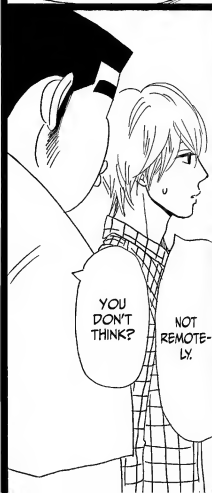
**I'M SMALL,
BUT I'M A
CARNIVORE!**

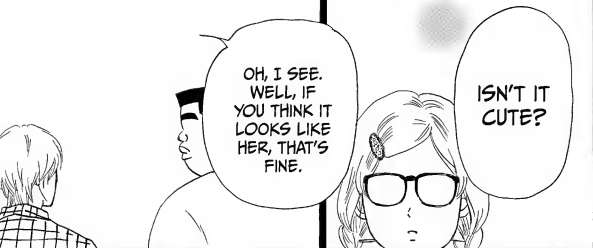


**THERE
ARE LOTS
OF SMALL
ANIMALS
HERE.**

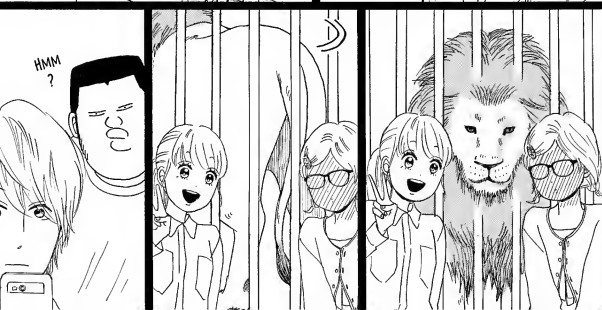
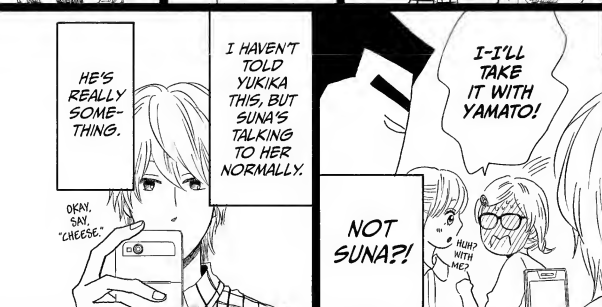


**IT'S
SO
CUTE!**











LOOK
OUT!



SUNA
REALLY
IS
COOL.

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

WARNIN

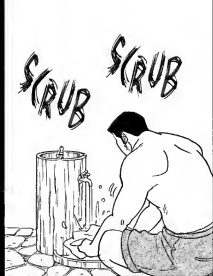
KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE
THIS LION
TRIES TO
URINATE ON
VISITORS!

HE'S
LIKE A
PRINCE.

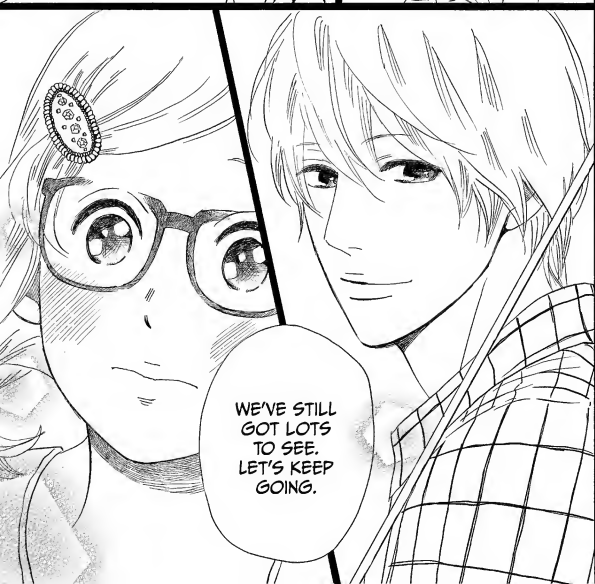


TAKED!











YOU
SHOULD
BE
TELLING
HIM
THAT!

BUT...

...IT WAS
FUN TO
HIDE FROM
THE RAIN...

... WITH
SUNA-
KAWA...



I'LL...
I'LL TALK
TO HIM.

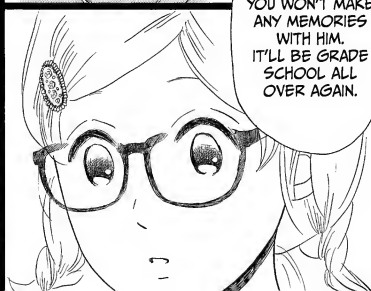
OKAY!

GOOD
LUCK.

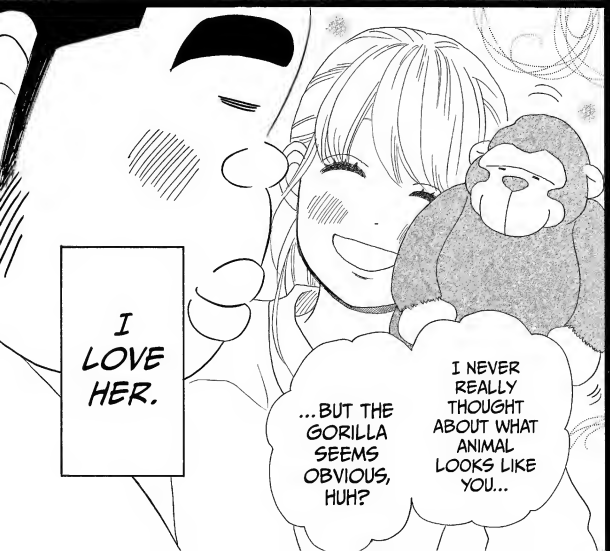
JUST
BREATHE.



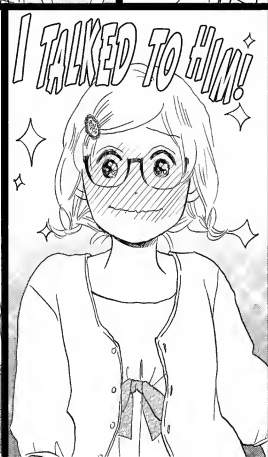
YUKIKA,
LISTEN.



AT THIS RATE,
YOU WON'T MAKE
ANY MEMORIES
WITH HIM.
IT'LL BE GRADE
SCHOOL ALL
OVER AGAIN.









WE SHOULD!

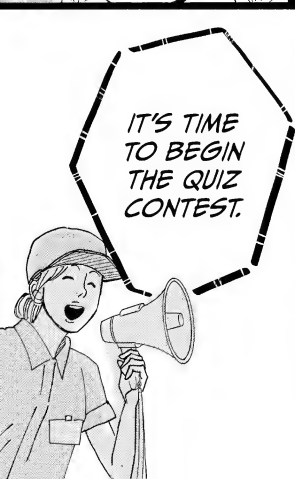
WE SHOULD CHECK THAT OUT!

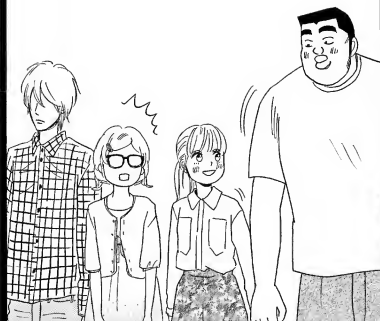


AT 2:00, THERE WILL BE A TEAM ZOO QUIZ CONTEST IN FRONT OF MONKEY MOUNTAIN.

WE HOPE YOU'LL ALL PARTICIPATE.

Du Du Du





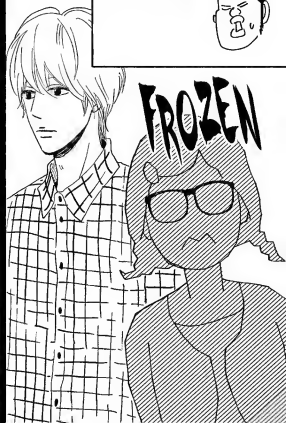
WE'D LIKE
TO KNOW
HOW MANY
TEAMS
THERE ARE,
SO COULD
YOU HOLD
HANDS FOR
US?

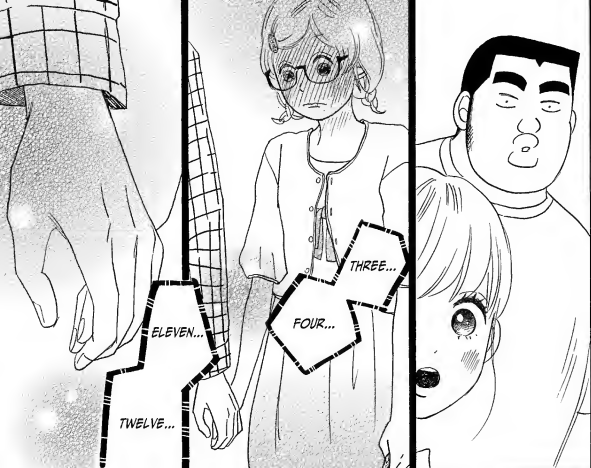
FIRST,
PLEASE
SPLIT
UP INTO
PAIRS.



I
SHOULD'VE
TEAMED UP
WITH SUNA!

OH!





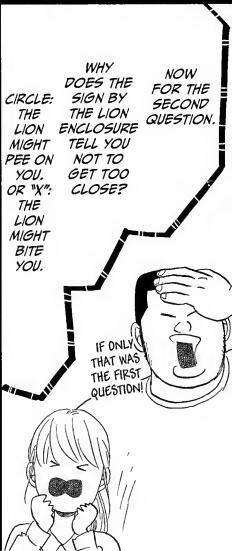
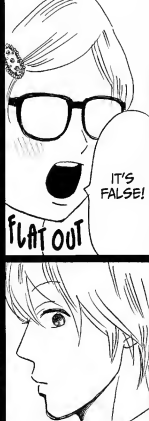
A
GIRAFFE'S
TONGUE
IS PURPLE
BECAUSE IT
ABSORBS
ULTRAVIOLET
LIGHT. TRUE
OR FALSE?

FIRST
QUESTION!

THEY'RE
JUMPING
RIGHT IN!

WE HAVE
32 TEAMS!
THAT'S
FANTASTIC!

YOU CAN
LET GO
NOW.



THE FIRST
PAIR TO
ANSWER
CORRECTLY
WINS!

ONLY TWO
TEAMS LEFT,
SO THIS IS
THE FINAL
QUESTION.



YEAH!

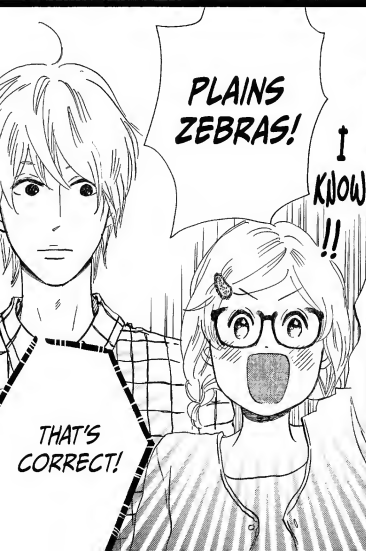
YUKIKA AND
SUNA ARE
AMAZING.



**PLAINS
ZEBRAS!**

I
KNOW
!!

THAT'S
CORRECT!



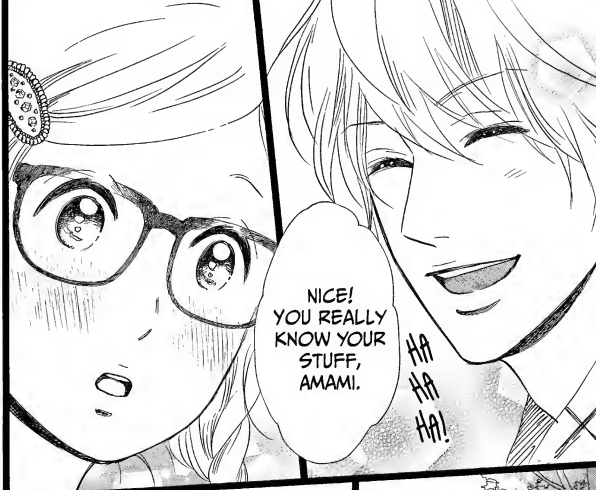
ARE THE
ZEBRAS
AT OUR
ZOO...

...MOUNTAIN
ZEBRAS,
PLAINS
ZEBRAS
OR
GRÉVY'S
ZEBRAS?

THE
PLAINS-
ZEBRAS

THINK
FAST!





I...I
JUST LOVE
READING!
I READ
EVERYTHING
I COME
ACROSS!

I DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING.
IT WAS ALL
AMAMI.





I
GUESS
THAT'S
TRUE.



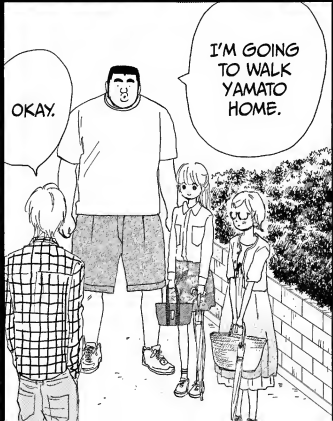
YOU'RE
ALWAYS
READING
TOO!



YOU WERE
ALREADY
READING IN
PRESCHOOL.



UM...



OKAY.

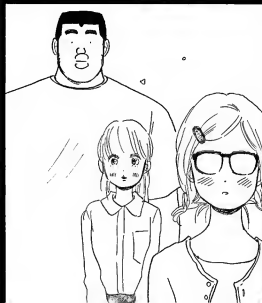
I'M GOING
TO WALK
YAMATO
HOME.



SURE.

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH FOR
COMING
WITH ME
TODAY!

I HAVEN'T
HAD THIS
MUCH FUN
IN AGES.



SEE
YOU AT
SCHOOL.



IT'S NO DREAM.

DON'T WORRY.



IT'S LIKE A DREAM...

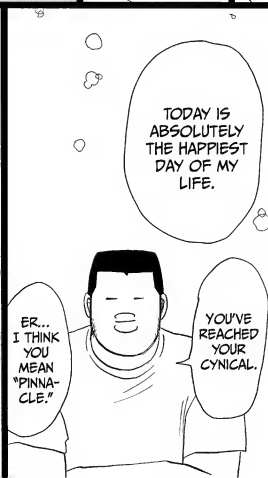


YOU CAN TALK TO HIM! THAT'S GREAT!

IT'S SO EXCITING!



...



TODAY IS ABSOLUTELY THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE.

ER... I THINK YOU MEAN "PINNACLE."

YOU'VE REACHED YOUR CYNICAL.

YUKIKA FOUND THE COURAGE SHE NEEDED.

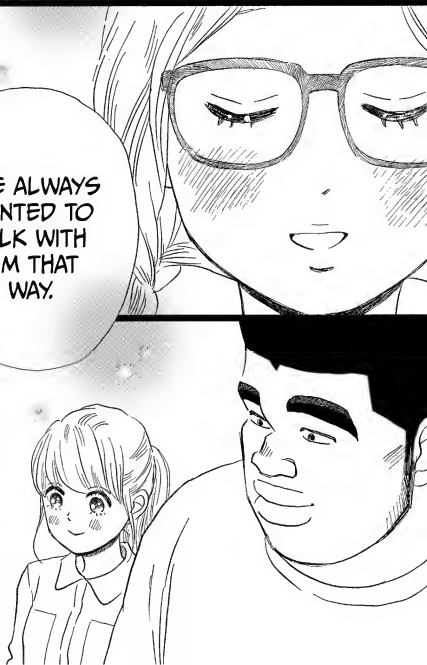
IT MADE
ME SO
HAPPY.

JUST
EVERYDAY,
SILLY STUFF.
AND HE
LISTENED AND
TALKED WITH
ME!

TODAY...
I TALKED
TO SUNAKAWA
ABOUT
ORDINARY
THINGS.

I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO
TALK WITH
HIM THAT
WAY.

I'M
GLAD.





GOOD
LUCK AT
SCHOOL
TOO.

SEE YOU
LATER!

THANK
YOU!

THAT'S
DEF-
INITELY...

I'M
HAPPY
FOR
HER.

YEAH,
ME
TOO.

TALKING
ABOUT
ORDINARY,
SILLY
THINGS...
BEING
LISTENED
TO...

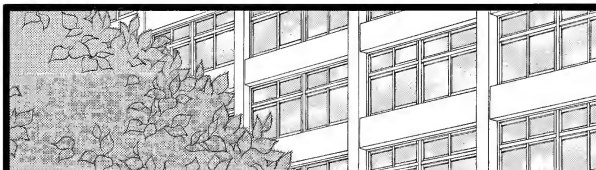
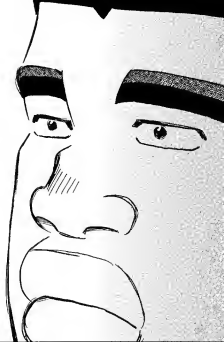
...WHEN
I FEEL
HAPPIEST
TOO.

BEING
SMILED
AT...

...

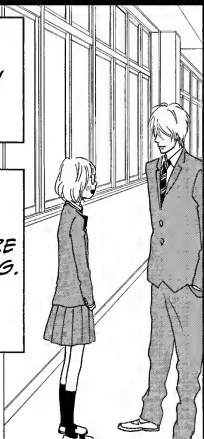
...BUT
I FEEL
LIKE
SOME-
THING
ISN'T
QUITE
RIGHT.

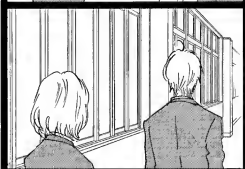
SUNA
SAID HE
DOESN'T
DISLIKE
YUKIKA...



OH!

THEY'RE
TALKING.

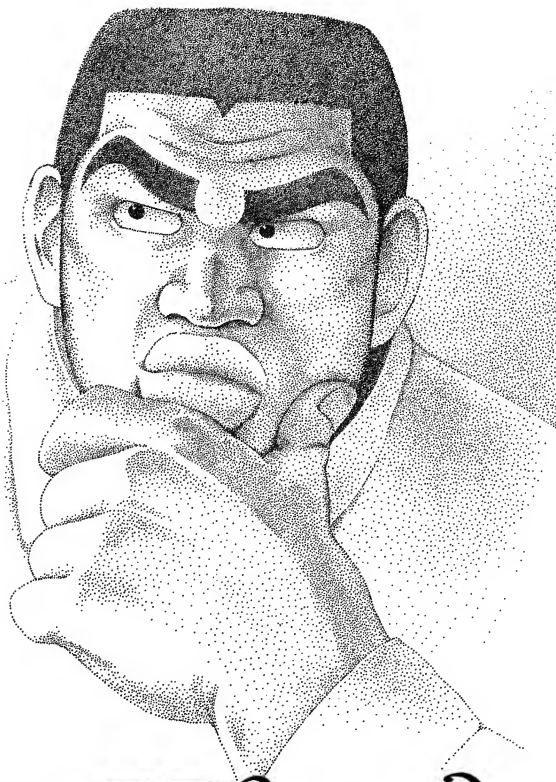




I'M GLAD
SHE CAN
TALK TO
HIM NOW.







MY *love* **STORY!!**



MY love **STORY!!**



TAKED
GOT
MAD!

**THIS
ISN'T A
SHOW!**

HEY,
SHE'S
CRYING.
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

WHAT'S
WRONG,
TAKED?

HUH?
WHAT'S
HAPPENED?
IS SHE
REALLY
CRYING?



**HE'S
SO
KIND!**



STAY
OFF THE
ROOF

WHAT
HAPPENED
?

DID
SUNA
SAY
SOMETHING
TO YOU?

IT'S
N-NOTHING.
SUNAKAWA IS
VERY KIND...



...HE
DOESN'T
FEEL
THE WAY
I DO.

HE'S
JUST...
BEING
KIND.



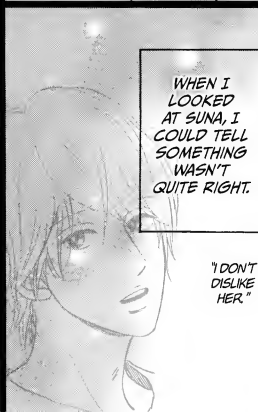
I DON'T
THINK HE
DISLIKES
ME OR
ANYTHING.

BUT...

HE
WAS KIND
ENOUGH
TO GO TO
THE ZOO
WITH ME...

...AND
TO SMILE
FOR ME...

HE
WAS SO
FRIENDLY...



WHEN I
LOOKED
AT SUNA, I
COULD TELL
SOMETHING
WASN'T
QUITE RIGHT.

"I DON'T
DISLIKE
HER."

YUKIKA'S
RIGHT.



"OF
COURSE..."

OH...

THAT'S
TRUE.

I HOPE
I'LL RUN
INTO HIM
SOMEHOW.

AT
NIGHT...

...I WONDER
WHAT
SUNAKAWA'S
UP TO.

I FEEL
LIKE
GOING
TO SEE
HIM.

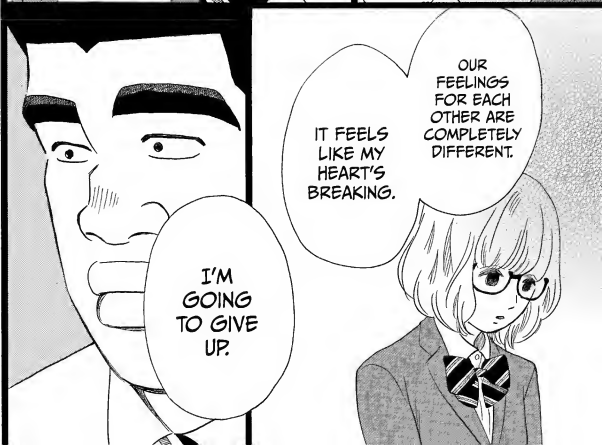
HE
DOESN'T
DISLIKE
HER,
BUT HE
DOESN'T
LIKE HER
EITHER.



"I JUST
WANTED TO
SEE YOU
ALL OF A
SUDDEN."

BUT...







I NEVER
SHOULD
HAVE TOLD
HIM HOW
I FELT.



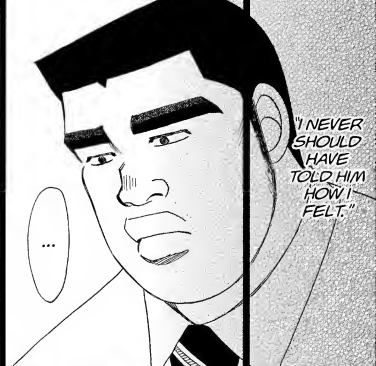
THANK
YOU FOR
ALL YOUR
HELP.
PLEASE
THANK
SUNAKAWA
FOR ME
TOO.



IT
MAKES
SENSE.

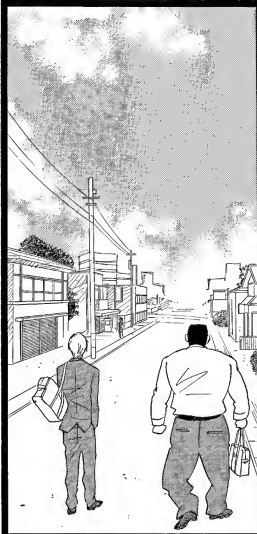


HEY-



"I NEVER
SHOULD
HAVE
TOLD HIM
HOW I
FELT."

NOT
DISLIKING
SOMEONE
ISN'T THE
SAME AS
LIKING
SOMEONE.



AREN'T
YOU
HEADING
HOME?

TAKEO?



YAMATO!



...YUKIKA'S
PRESENCE.

I DON'T
SENSE...



I GOT A
MESSAGE
FROM
YUKIKA.

I SENT HER A
REPLY, BUT SHE
DIDN'T RESPOND.
SHE'S NOT
ANSWERING HER
PHONE EITHER!



...



DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN?!

✉ To: Yamato

Thank you for helping
me so much.
I'll never forget
going shopping with
you.
Goodbye.
I don't think we'll
meet again.
I hope you and Takeo
will always be happy.



HER
HEART WAS
BROKEN...

...BY HOW
DIFFERENTLY
THEY FEEL
ABOUT EACH
OTHER.



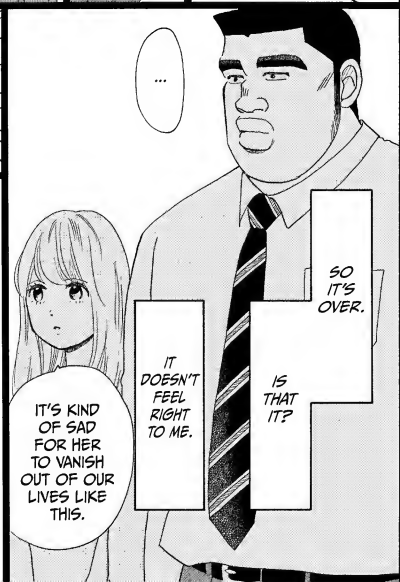
HAVING SUNA
BE SO KIND
TO HER
MADE HER
SAD.



SHE ASKED
ME TO THANK
YOU FOR
BEING SO
NICE TO
HER.

SHE SAID
SHE'S
GIVING
UP.

OH...





**I
DON'T
THINK
THAT'S
TRUE.**

**I'M
SURE
YOU
THINK—**



**YUKIKA SAID
SHE WISHED
SHE'D NEVER
TOLD HIM
HOW SHE
FEELS.**



**...SHE'LL
HAVE SOME
GOOD
MEMORIES
TOO.**



**I BET
WHEN
SHE
LOOKS
BACK
ON IT...**



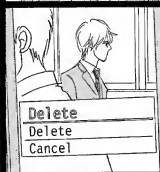
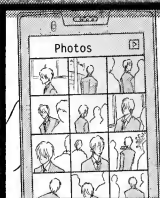
**SHE'S
RIGHT.**

**YOU'RE
RIGHT!**

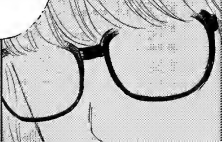
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I HAD A LOT
OF FUN AT
THE ZOO
YESTERDAY.



...LIKE
WISHING
YOU'D
NEVER
TOLD
HIM...

DON'T
SAY SAD
THINGS...

Det
Cancel

YUKIKA
...!

PIN G!





...DISAPPEAR
FROM OUR
LIVES?

WHY DO
YOU HAVE
TO...



YUKIKA!

WHY
ARE YOU
RUNNING
AWAY?



LEAVE
ME
ALONE.

WHAT
DIFFER-
ENCE
DOES IT
MAKE?



MAYBE
SUNA'S
BEING
KIND
NOW...

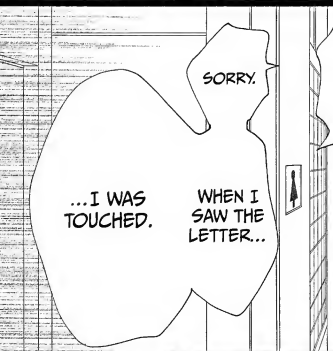
...BUT
ISN'T THAT
JUST THE
BEGINNING
?!



YUKI-

!

THAT'S
NOT
PLAYING
FAIR!





TAKEO!

WHERE'S
YUKIKA?!

IN
THERE.



YUKIKA
...?



SUNA
MUST
FEEL THAT
WAY TOO!
HE KEPT
YOUR
LETTERS!

AND
THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG
WITH
THAT!

HE
WOULDN'T
TREAT JUST
ANYONE
LIKE HE
TREATED
YOU.

IT'D
BE SAD
FOR IT
TO END
LIKE
THIS.

TRYING
FOR AN
EYEFUL?

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
IN FRONT
OF THE
LADIES'
ROOM?

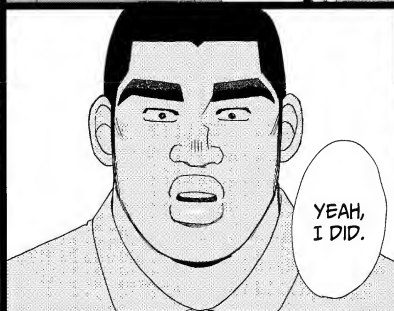
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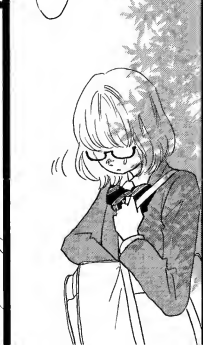
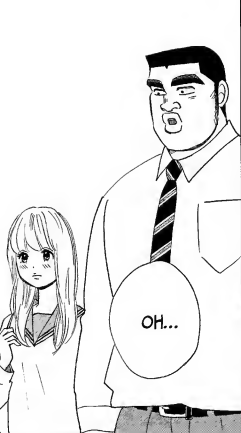
YOU
THERE.

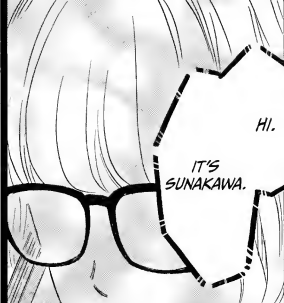
TMP
TAKED!

HE'S MY
FRIEND!

HE WAS
WAITING
FOR
US WHILE
WE'RE HAVING
AN IMPORTANT
CONVER-
SATION!





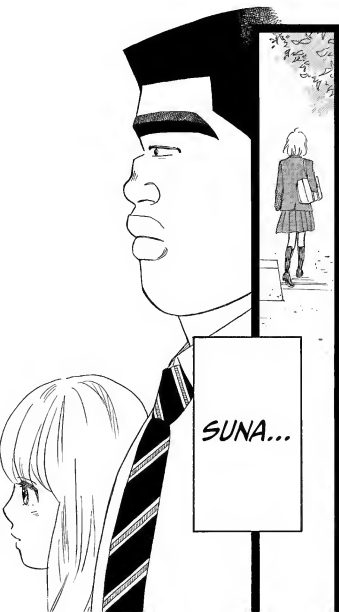




I'M
GOING
TO DO
IT!



HE ASKED
IF I COULD
MEET UP
WITH HIM
RIGHT
NOW.



SUNA...



I'LL WAIT
RIGHT HERE,
YUKIKA!

YEAH,
ME TOO.
GOOD
LUCK.

OKAY.

I'M
GONNA
GO.

I
HAVE NO
IDEA...

...BUT
IT'S
SUNA.
HE'S
KIND.

...

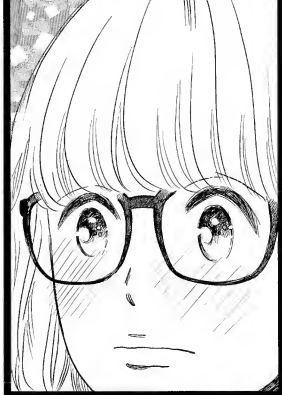
I WONDER
WHAT
SUNAKAWA'S
GOING TO
TELL HER.

I
DON'T
KNOW.

SHOULD
WE SIT
WHILE
WE
WAIT?

GOOD
IDEA.





TAKED
TOLD
ME
WHAT
YOU
SAID.



HERE.





I'VE BEEN
WANTING TO
GIVE YOU
SOMETHING
IN RETURN.

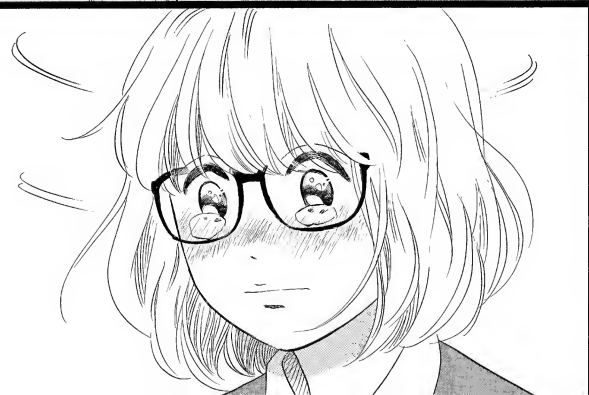


THANK YOU
FOR ALL THE
VALENTINE'S
DAY
CHOCOLATE
YOU'VE
GIVEN ME
OVER THE
YEARS.



THANK
YOU.

...





**SO I
WANT TO
THANK
YOU
TOO!**

**I
REALLY
DO
LOVE
YOU.**

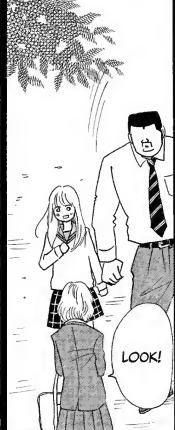
**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH FOR
BEING SO
NICE TO
ME.**



**IF WE SEE
EACH OTHER
IN SCHOOL,
CAN WE TALK
SOMETIMES
?!**



YEAH, OF
COURSE.



LOOK!

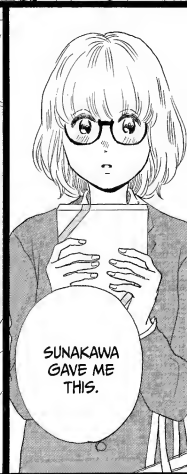


YUKIKA...!



WOW,
IT'S SO
CUTE!

ISN'T IT?
HE HAS SUCH
GOOD TASTE.
I LOVE
THINGS LIKE
THIS...



SUNAKAWA
GAVE ME
THIS.





BUT
IT'S
SO
REALLY
EVEN-
SWE.

THAT'S
SO
CUTE!



I
COULD
NEVER
WEAR
THESE.

WOW,
THOSE
HEELS
ARE SO
HIGH!

PICKING OUT
CLOTHES WITH
YAMATO...

STAYING
OUT LATE
WITH
BOTH OF
YOU FOR
ADVICE...

WALKING
HOME WITH
SUNAKAWA...

EVEN IF I
DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING.



SO...
A GOOD
APPROACH
...?

HMM...

GOING TO
THE ZOO WITH
SUNAKAWA...

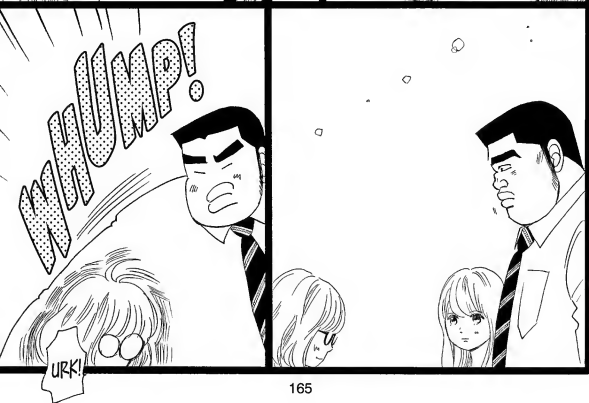
AND I STILL
DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING.

U-UH,
YES!

YOUR
HOUSE
IS THIS
WAY,
RIGHT?

A LOT
OF GREAT
THINGS
HAPPENED
TO ME.

WE'VE STILL
GOT LOTS
TO SEE.
LET'S KEEP
GOING.



GLOOM

SORRY!

KOFF
KOFF

HEH

I WANTED
TO BECOME
LIKE YOU.

YOU
COULDN'T
KILLED
ME.

S-
SORRY.

THAT HURT!
I'M VERY
DELICATE!

FRAGILE!

SORRY
...

HMM?

BECAUSE
SUNAKAWA
LOVES
YOU SO
MUCH.



I THINK
HE HAS
THE BEST
SMILE
WHEN HE'S
WITH YOU.

HE BURSTS
OUT LAUGHING
ALL THE TIME
WHEN HE'S
WITH YOU.



IN A
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT
WAY FROM
HOW I LIKE
SUNAKAWA.

PHEW!

I LIKE
YOU TOO,
YOU
KNOW.

WELL, I
CAN'T WRITE
A LETTER
LIKE YOU
CAN.

BUT
THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN
JUMP INTO
A RIVER.





... "I DON'T
NEED
ANYTHING
IN RETURN.
PLEASE LIKE
ME BACK."

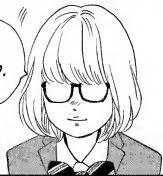
THAT'S
IT.

I SAID
ALL I
WANTED
TO SAY.

FOR OVER
TEN YEARS,
I'VE BEEN
TELLING
HIM...



DID YOU
TELL SUNA
EVERY-
THING?



I
DID.



THE
TRUTH
IS...



BUT
TELLING HIM
EVERYTHING WAS
THE HARDEST
THING I'VE EVER
DONE.

SOMEONE
WHO LOVES
HIM MORE
THAN I DO!

I WANT
SUNAKAWA
TO GO
OUT WITH
A SWEET,
CUTE
GIRL.



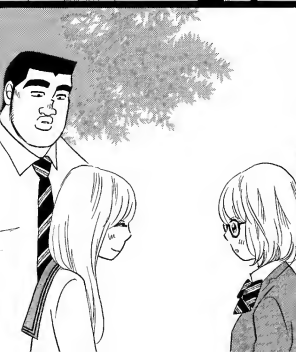
...YOU
REALLY
DON'T
NEED
ANYTHING
ELSE.

...WHEN
SOME-
ONE
LIKES
YOU
BACK...

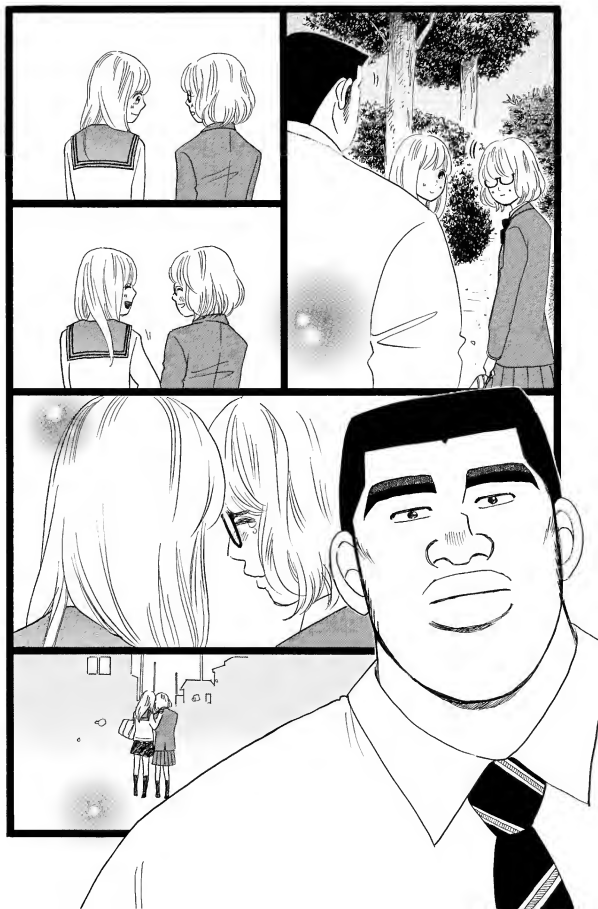
YEAH.



I WANT
HIM TO GO
OUT WITH
SOMEONE
HE REALLY
LOVES.



MIND IF
I WALK
HOME
WITH
YOU?





...IT MADE
ME SEE
THAT SHE'S
A GOOD
PERSON.

I
SEE.

MMM
?

I'M SORRY!
I TOOK IT
THE WRONG
WAY AT
FIRST.

WHEN
AMAMI...

...APOLOGIZED
TO YOU AT THE
ZOO...

I STILL
DON'T
GET IT.

SO WHY
WAS SHE
APOLO-
GIZING?

HEH!

...DO
YOU
LOVE
ME?

SUNA...



YUKIKA
MENTIONED
IT.

WHY
DO YOU
ASK?



IS THERE
ANYONE WHO
DOESN'T
LOVE YOU
ONCE THEY
GET TO KNOW
YOU?



SOMETIMES
LOVING
SOMEBODY
MAKES YOU
SAD...

SUNA!

I HOPE
YOU FIND
SOMEONE
YOU LIKE!

...BUT I
THINK...

I'M
PERFECTLY
HAPPY, YOU
KNOW.

...FALLING IN
LOVE WITH
SOMEONE...

...IS A
GOOD
FEELING.

TO BE CONTINUED...

My Love Story!!
has reached volume 7! \ (^.^)/
I'm so happy! \ (^.^)/
I don't discuss anything beforehand
with Aruko when I make comments
here and in the magazine, so I think
it's amusing when she and I talk
about completely different things.
I'm looking forward to what
she'll write this time!
- Kazune Kawahara

(K)

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Before I realized it,
summer was over. How strange.
Surprisingly, I had a lot of things
to do this summer, and I had a
lot of fun.

Whether I was having fun,
focused on work or doing nothing,
it felt like summer only
after it was gone.

- Aruko

(A)

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